

2009 SPRING SAFETY CONFERENCE AND AWARDS LUNCHEON



To assist in the quest for applications for technology, compliance and training the Missouri Motor Carriers Association's Council of Safety Supervisors designed a two day event. The ***Spring Safety Conference*** was developed to showcase experts in their respective fields of safety and maintenance and provide current information on the top subjects of the day.

The **2009** conference covered safety and maintenance topics on sleep apnea, driver retention, biodiesel, tire management, roadside inspections, EPA Smartway, and updates from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. MoDOT Motor Carrier Services presented an update on Compliance Safety Analysis 2010. Also available was information on managing catastrophic claims and how to prepare for a deposition.

At the end of Day One an evening networking reception provided an opportunity to meet with other safety and maintenance professionals.

The conference concluded with the annual
Safety Awards Luncheon.



The presentations began with the awarding of Scholarships
Sponsored by the Missouri Motor Carriers Association
and the Council of Safety Supervisors.



The *Norris Freeman Memorial Scholarship* was founded in 1988 with the passing of a long time industry friend. This year the recipient was University of Central Missouri student, **Michael Oswald**, a first generation college graduate raised on a farm in Clinton,

Missouri. Michael (far left) will graduate with degrees in Criminal Justice and Safety Management with emphasis in Transportation. His mother, Diana Dayton (above right) accompanied him at the luncheon. Dr. Omer Frank (far right) with the Department of Safety Sciences at University of Central Missouri, where the scholarship was established also attended.



A check from the proceeds of the Concession Stand at the Annual Missouri Truck Driving Championships was presented by the Council of Safety Supervisors to Crowder College for the *Wayne Cole Scholarship Fund*. The scholarship is available to anyone who chooses a career as a commercial motor vehicle driver.

The *Summa Cum Laude Award* was presented to the 2007 Vice Chairman of the Council of Safety Supervisors, Mike Tettamble. Since 1979, with the exception of one year, this coveted award has been earned by MMCA. The council more than met the criteria for this award with their dedication and hard work coordinating and executing various programs throughout the 2007 year.

The ***Chairman's Safe Driving Club***, established by the Council of Safety Supervisors in 2007, honored 122 drivers working hard every day to keep our highways safe. These drivers have demonstrated this by operating accident free and without traffic citations. Each club member has received a certificate recognizing their achievement.



Gary Leu, a regional driver for **Wal-Mart Transportation** from Shelbina, Missouri has been chosen as a member of ***America's Road Team***. Several days each month, Gary speaks to the news media, schools, and community

groups, as well as industry and government officials about Highway Safety and the essentiality of the trucking industry.

Gary was presented with a Proclamation honoring his achievement and ongoing work in safety. See photo: Senator Wes Shoemyer, Gary Leu and MMCA President & CEO, Tom Crawford.

Nominated by his peers and judged on his merits by an impartial panel of judges, John **Brent Kinstler** of Wal-Mart Transportation was chosen as the *2008 Missouri Motor Carriers Association Safety Director of the Year*.



He was presented a plaque and a clock to commemorate his ongoing efforts in safety.

Joe Boyd, Division Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Safety Director Brent Kinstler of Wal-Mart Transportation, and Representative Dan Brown

One of the most popular safety programs is the *Missouri Driver of the Month* contest. Nominated by their companies, the drivers are judged on their driving career, safety record and community and civic involvement by a panel of impartial judges from various federal and state agencies.

JANUARY DRIVER OF THE MONTH

Jody Bush from Troy, MO of Witte Brothers Exchange

NO PHOTO AVAILABLE

Jody was unable to attend due to a conflict that occurred while he was out doing what drivers do best!

FEBRUARY DRIVER OF THE MONTH

Thomas Bolin from Buffalo, MO of Wal-Mart Transportation



MMCA President & CEO Tom Crawford;
Driver of the Month Tom Bolin and his wife, Jerry.

MARCH DRIVER OF THE MONTH

Harvey Williams from Rochelle, TX of Prime, Inc.



Representative Shane Schoeller,
Sue and Harvey Williams Driver of the Month,
MMCA President & CEO Tom Crawford

APRIL DRIVER OF THE MONTH

Robert Conger from Enosburg Falls, VT of Prime, Inc.



MMCA President & CEO Tom Crawford; Representative Shane Schoeller; Sheila and Robert Conger, Driver of the Month; Vera Low, and Robert Low - President and Founder of Prime, Inc.

MAY DRIVER OF THE MONTH

Gerald Hulsey from Carthage, MO of D & D Sexton, Inc.



MMCA President & CEO Tom Crawford, Driver of the Month Gerald Hulsey and his wife, Susan

JUNE DRIVER OF THE MONTH

Leonard Ruble from Potosi, MO of YRC Transportation

Formerly Roadway Express



MMCA President & CEO Tom Crawford, YRC Safety Director Tom Nullmeyer, Driver of the Month Leonard Ruble and his wife Betty Jane, and Margaret Neumann of Representative Belinda Harris' Office

JULY DRIVER OF THE MONTH

James Patterson from Fort Smith AR of Above Par Leasing



MMCA President & CEO Tom Crawford and Driver of the Month James Patterson

AUGUST DRIVER OF THE MONTH
Michael Crawford from Maplewood, MO of Prime, Inc.



MMCA President & CEO Tom Crawford, Phyllis and Michael Crawford Driver of the Month, Fleet Manager Bill Thompson Vera Low, and Robert Low - President and Founder of Prime, Inc.

SEPTEMBER DRIVER OF THE MONTH
Michael Voss from Washington, MO of YRC Transportation
Formerly Roadway Express



MMCA President & CEO Tom Crawford, Driver of the Month Michael Voss and guest Trish Krupp, and YRC Safety Director Tom Nullmeyer

OCTOBER DRIVER OF THE MONTH

Kirby Killgore from Mountain View, MO of O & S Trucking



O & S Trucking Safety Director Mike Tettamble, Driver of the Month Kirby Killgore and wife Brenda, Fleet Manager Ryan Foo, and MMCA President & CEO Tom Crawford

NOVEMBER DRIVER OF THE MONTH

Ernest 'Lee' Combs from Diamond, MO of D & D Sexton, Inc.



Ernest 'Lee' Combs and his wife Ella, and MMCA President & CEO Tom Crawford

DECEMBER DRIVER OF THE MONTH
Fred Marks from Buffalo, MO of TCSI/Transland, Inc.



MMCA President & CEO Tom Crawford, Debra and Fred Marks Driver of the Month, Mike Walker President of TCSI/Transland and Safety Director Walter Lucht



Each year, a panel of impartial judges selects one of the "Drivers of the Month" as the "Driver of the Year" to represent Missouri in the national competition. The 2008 Missouri Driver of the Year awarded by Pete Rahn Director of Missouri Department of Transportation went to Harvey Williams of Prime, Inc. His safety director praised him by saying "He is an ambassador to the trucking industry".



MMCA President & CEO Tom Crawford,
Sue and Harvey Williams 2009 Driver of the Year, Director of MO
Department of Transportation Pete Rahn,
Prime Fleet Manager Jeb Wilson and
Robert Low - President and Founder of Prime, Inc.

Recognition for company excellence in Fleet Safety went to the following companies and various divisions of the Fleet Safety Contest:

LOCAL DIVISION

Delta companies, Inc. Cape Girardeau, MO



MMCA President & CEO Tom Crawford,
Dan Grier and Representative Clint Tracy

Honorable mention: *Witte Brothers Exchange, Inc.* Troy, MO



MMCA President & CEO Tom Crawford,
Witte Brothers Exchange President Brent Witte and
Safety Director Marilyn Barnes

OVER THE ROAD UP TO ONE MILLION MILES

Twehous Excavating Company Jefferson City, MO



MMCA President & CEO Tom Crawford and
Safety Director Norb Englert

OVER THE ROAD ONE TO FIVE MILLION MILES

Opies Transport, Inc. Eldon, MO



MMCA President & CEO Tom Crawford
and Safety Director Jim Henley

And

Flexway Trucking, Inc. Hazelwood, MO



MMCA President & CEO Tom Crawford
and Safety Director Don Rock

Honorable Mention:

Steelman Transportation, Inc. Springfield, MO



MMCA President & CEO Tom Crawford and Vice
President of Steelman Transportation Brett Sheets

OVER THE ROAD OVER FIVE MILLION MILES

Wal-Mart Transportation St. James, MO



Safety Director Brent Kinstler, General Transportation Manager Rocky Griffith, Representative Dan Brown and MMCA President & CEO Tom Crawford

Honorable Mention:

Warren Transport Waterloo, IA

No Photo Available

GRAND OVERALL FLEET SAFETY WINNER



Wal-Mart Transportation of St. James, MO

The following companies have helped insure the success of this Safety Awards Luncheon by their generous financial contribution:

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TCSI/Transland, Inc. - Strafford, MO

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. - St. James, MO

Thanks again from the Association for the continued support from our allied contributors. Also, thanks to all those who participated in all aspects of the event! Our very first Spring Safety Conference was very successful!

Thank You!

We'll be looking forward to next year when once again we'll celebrate the success of both individuals and companies in the quest for safety on the highways and within the trucking industry! It will be a time to mingle with your peers in a learning environment laden with current hot topics on safety and maintenance.

See you all next year!